

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

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ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OFFICE 425 Eye Street N.W. ULLB, 3rd Floor Washington, D.C. 20536

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FILE:

Office:

Texas Service Center

Date:

IN RE: Applicant:

APPLICATION: Application for Permanent Residence Pursuant to Section 1 of the Cuban Adjustment Act of PUBLIC COPY

November 2, 1966 (P.L. 89-732)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

Self-represented

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (Bureau) where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.7.

> obert P. Wiemann, Director Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, who certified her decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) for review. The director's decision will be withdrawn, and the application will be approved.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Cuba who filed this application for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident under section 1 of the Cuban Adjustment Act of November 2, 1966. This Act provides for the adjustment of status of any alien who is a native or citizen of Cuba and who has been inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States subsequent to January 1, 1959, and has been physically present in the United States for at least one year, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa and is admissible to the United States for permanent residence.

The director determined that the applicant failed to submit additional evidence as had been requested. The director, therefore, concluded that the applicant was ineligible for adjustment of status and denied the application.

In response to the notice of certification, the applicant submits the requested document.

The applicant was requested on August 12, 2002, to submit a letter of clearance from the Metro-Dade Police Department or the County Sheriff, and from anywhere else he had lived for more than six months, along with dispositions of all arrests. He was advised that court letters would not be accepted.

The director noted that in response to her request, the applicant submitted a letter from the Circuit and County Courts of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, although he was advised that the Service cannot accept letters from the courts.

The AAO is in receipt of a letter of clearance from the Metro-Dade Police Department in Florida, the county where the applicant resides, indicating that the applicant has no criminal record. As the only ground of ineligibility present in this case has now been overcome, it is, therefore, concluded that the applicant has established he is, in fact, eligible for adjustment of status to permanent residence, pursuant to section 1 of the Act of November 2, 1966, and warrants a favorable exercise of discretion. Accordingly, the director's decision will be withdrawn, and the application will be approved.

ORDER: The director's decision is withdrawn. The application is approved.